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So vote, vote, vote that way.
A firm handshake and all the things he's fighting for
Tell us that he's the man we need up Washington way.
He's always fought for truth and justice everywhere.
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On the other hand, the seventeen states and the District of Columbia with segregated schools employed 76,390 teachers including 20,000 Negroes who were school principals.

"Negro teachers in the South, thousands of them, are to lose their jobs when segregation ends in public schools," reported the authoritative **U. S. News and World Report** in its issue of August 27, 1954.

And how does this astute magazine arrive at its conclusion? It bases its statement on the manner in which Negro teachers are employed, or rather not employed, in the non-segregated East and North!

"If they go on teaching," the **U. S. News and World Report** stated, "the North will have to give them jobs. But openings there will be scarce, if present use of Negro teachers is any criterion."

The great FEPC State of New York, in 1954, had a total of 918,191 Negro citizens and employed only 1,693 Negro school teachers. In Georgia, where FEPC advocates claim so much discrimination is practiced, there are 8,510 Negro teachers with the Negro population 1,062,762. In other words, there is one Negro teacher in New York for every 542 Negroes, while in Georgia there is one Negro teacher for every 124 Negroes. Negro teachers in Georgia received $23,216,700 from the State of Georgia in salaries, at the same rate of pay as the White teachers.

The ratio is almost identical throughout the South in the segregated states, if you please.

In the State of California, where Chief Justice Warren was governor for so many years until his appointment to the Supreme Court two years ago, there were in 1954 a total of 923 Negro teachers with the state's Negro population listed as 462,172, a ratio of one Negro teacher for every 500 Negro residents.

The State of Ohio had 1,051 Negro teachers, a Negro population of 513,027 and a ratio of one Negro teacher to 488 Negro citizens.

Pennsylvania employed 1,386 Negro teachers for its Negro population of 638,485, a ratio of one to 460 Negro residents.

According to a survey made by David Lee, Negro editor of the **New Jersey Telegram** of Newark, there were only twenty-five Negro teachers in the State of Connecticut two years ago. Albany, N. Y., the capital of its FEPC state, had only three Negro teachers. In Lee's own city of Newark, where he says Negroes comprise twenty per cent of the population, there were only 70 Negro teachers and not one Negro principal.

Now let us look at some of the segregated states and check their records.

North Carolina with a Negro population of 1,047,353, employed 8,518 Negro teachers, or one Negro teacher for every 123 Negro citizens.

South Carolina, with 822,077 Negroes, employed 6,815

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(Music and Lyrics by Lyn Nash)

Text of Talmadge Rome Speech Outlining Stand On Fundamental Issues

(Editor's Note: The following is a complete text of the address delivered by Former Governor Herman Talmadge upon the opening of his campaign for nomination to the United States Senate at a Fourth of July Celebration held in his honor at Rome. In this speech, Talmadge outlines his platform and stand on fundamental issues.)

MR. HICKS, REPRESENTATIVE SCOGGIN, CHAIRMAN PRIMM, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND MY FRIENDS:

It is with heartfelt appreciation and a deep sense of gratitude that I acknowledge the generous introduction by your able representative and my warm friend, Bob Scoggin.

Permit me first to thank the people of Floyd County and those of Northwest Georgia for making possible this occasion and for being so good to me.

I shall cherish always the friendships and memories of this Independence Day.

Appropriate Place

There is no place more appropriate than Georgia's City of the Seven Hills for us to reconsecrate ourselves to those principles of government enunciated by our founding fathers. Those principles which embody the teachings of the Ten Commandments and man's historic struggle for freedom have been handed down generation-to-generation to the present time.

Since this beautiful city was established in 1834, more than 122 years ago, its people have played vital roles in the development of our State and nation. Her churches, her schools, her colleges, her industries, her farms and her citizenry have represented the best in Americanism.

It was only 180 years ago that the patriots of this land — risk-

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"Georgians Fortunate To Have Talmadge," Rep. Scoggin States

ROME, Ga. — Herman Talmadge has proved to the satisfaction of all Georgians that "his heart beats as theirs" and the people of Georgia are "fortunate indeed" to have such a man to represent them in the United States Senate, Floyd County Representative Robert L. Scoggin declared in introducing the Former Governor upon the opening of his campaign here Wednesday.

"His character, his integrity, his honesty and his love for Georgia and Georgians are qualities this State—and, yes, the South and the whole nation,—need in Washington in this hour," the Rome Attorney stated in his prepared remarks.

The text of Mr. Scoggin's introduction reads as follows:

"MY FELLOW GEORGIANS:

"This is the day for which we have waited so long and impatiently; the day when we claim our spokesman and champion; the day when the man and the hour meet.

"Your presence here by the thousands bespeaks more forcefully than any words I might utter the absolute certainty that the

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"The only way for them to know this is for the voters of this sovereign State to roll up a mighty tidal wave of ballots on September 12th."

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THE FORMER CHIEF Executive called upon his friends and supporters to "organize effectively and get the people to the polls on election day." In that way, he declared, the people of the nation will know "that Herman Talmadge is waging Georgia's fight for constitutional government."

Talmadge pledged, if elected, to "represent every Georgian and give equal and fair treatment to all with special preference to none" and outlined a seven-part platform setting forth his position on fundamental issues.

That platform, which can be read in full in the text of Talmadge's speech carried elsewhere in this issue, can be summarized as follows:

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT—work for legislation curbing the jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court and prescribing minimum qualifications for its justices; resist every attempt to destroy state sovereignty; uphold the free enterprise system; and oppose federal interference with state and local officials in the performance of their duty.

FARM PROGRAM—favor price supports for basic commodities of not less than 90 per cent of parity; price supports for livestock; minimum acreage allotments; vigorous programs for disposal of surplus farm products; strengthening soil bank, soil conservation and flood and drought control programs; aid for tree planting; unstinted support to the REA; extension of rural telephone service; expanded agricultural experimentation and research; and restriction on imports of agricultural products in competition with domestic farm commodities in surplus supply.

NATIONAL DEFENSE — give emphasis to the development of air power, guided missiles and atomic and other new weapons; advocate compact, fully-manned adequately-trained and well-paid defense forces armed with latest equipment in all branches of the service and supported by ready reserves and a strong National Guard; and seek provision of adequate facilities for training young men at home.

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Your confidence in entrusting leadership to me as your Governor during a critical period in the State's history and your continuing confidence and support gives me a deep consciousness of responsibility.

We labored together, you and I, to make Georgia a bigger and better State.

We worked night and day to bring constructive progress.

Teamwork Succeeds

We succeeded through team-

growth and unparalleled opportunity.

It is a matter of satisfaction for me to have been identified with such faith and to have shared the spirit of dedicated purpose which made this new era possible.

Property of People

Georgia's representation in the United States Senate belongs to all her people.

If you honor me by electing me your Senator, I will represent every Georgian and give equal and fair treatment to all with special preference to none.

In this office I will work for your interests and Georgia's advancement, as well as for the welfare of the country as a whole.

As your Senator, I will maintain the closest contact with every citizen of this State.

I will spend as much time in Georgia as the proper performance of duties will permit.

I will stay close to homefolks getting the benefit of their views, advice and wise counsel relative to congressional issues.

I will keep both feet firmly planted on Georgia ground!

System Periled

Unfortunately, at this hour, as never before, our system of constitutional government is under furious and unceasing attack from insidious forces both within and without the country.

Our battle for survival cannot be waged on a part-time basis. It must be fought with vigor and determination throughout every hour of every day.

With every resource at my command, I have resisted vigorously the determined efforts of those who seek to destroy constitutional government, states' rights and local self-determination in this nation.

I have done this as your Governor, as Chairman of the Georgia Delegation to the last Democratic National Convention and as a private citizen. And I have done this on nationwide television and radio programs, in addresses within and without the State and in every other forum available to me.

has hurt the cause of harmonious race relations in the South and has jeopardized the impressive progress being made.

The Court's action reflects an utter lack of practical and judicial experience on the part of its present members.

People of the whole nation are beginning to realize the gravity of the decision and what it means.

Pledges Fight

I am appealing to all of you to send me to Washington so that I can fight your battle night and day to uphold our organic law.

As your Senator, I will work:

1. For legislation curbing the jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court by reaffirming the reserved powers of the states to regulate all matters pertaining to education and their other purely internal affairs;

2. For legislation prescribing minimum qualifications as a prerequisite for appointment to our highest court;

3. To resist every attempt to destroy state sovereignty;

4. To uphold the free enterprise system; and,

5. Against federal interference with state and local officials in the performance of their duty.

Farm Crisis

Corporate profits, as well as salaries and wages on a national average, have increased in the last few years, while at the same time farm prices have declined steadily.

The farmer has been caught in a two-way squeeze between rising costs for what he has to buy and falling prices for what he produces.

He has become the forgotten man on the American economic scene.

This could lead to tragic consequences since depression on the farm inevitably leads to depression in industry.

Solution of this problem requires definite and speedy action.

No halfway measures or temporary devices can get the job done.

Program Outlined

To accomplish these objectives, I favor the following definite pro-

Foreign Policy

Our government also must adopt a realistic foreign policy based upon the application of practical experience and common sense.

It would be well for us to heed the old admonition: "speak softly and carry a big stick".

Since World War II our foreign policy has had no force and very little direction. There has been no definable goal or co-ordinated plan to achieve it.

All of us realize that times and conditions have changed in the world. The earth has been shrunk by air power and instant communication.

What happens in one area affects peoples elsewhere.

The humanitarian responsibility of feeding hungry people and the practical responsibility of taking every possible measure for our military defense are recognized as necessary and justified.

Social Experiments Out

But, certainly, this does not mean that it is the duty of the over-burdened American taxpayer to subsidize social experimentation or global projects of doubtful value throughout the earth.

Since World War II, more than $40 BILLION in American economic aid alone has gone to 50 foreign countries for all manner of projects. This figure of $40 BILLION does not include another $20.3 BILLION in military aid. These are the latest figures available.

How have these American tax dollars been spent?

They have been used to subsidize a tax cut in Great Britain while tax reduction has been denied our people here at home.

They have been used to pay off national debts of foreign countries while our own national debt has mounted higher and higher.

They have been spent to expand foreign agricultural and industrial production which is destroying markets for our own farm and manufactured products.

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American textile workers out of jobs.

I favor the enactment of fair and reasonable restrictions on such imports which disrupt and destroy domestic markets for our own products.

Balanced Budget

This nation can achieve a balanced budget through eliminating foreign giveaways and by trimming non-essential expenditures. Our federal debt now stands at 273 billions of dollars. The interest alone on this huge amount of money is an oppressive burden on the taxpayers.

Federal income tax rates have reached the point of virtual confiscation and tax sources of state and local governments are being preempted by the federal government.

I believe the National Congress should:

1. Press for a systematic beginning on debt reduction and for an end to deficit spending;

2. Seek ways and means of attaining better budgetary control;

3. Institute an across-the-board reduction in federal income tax rates to restore incentive and stimulate creation of new jobs; and,

4. Oppose every attempt by the Federal Government to encroach further upon the revenue sources of state and local governments.

Labor's Rights

Labor's right to organize and bargain collectively is as fundamental to the free enterprise system as is the right of management to earn a profit for its investors.

These two mighty forces, working in unison, are the greatest stimulus toward creating new job opportunities.

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It is, therefore, for us to say on this glorious day that it is our duty and our obligation to keep the faith with them and with future generations of Americans.

At this moment a great struggle is taking place in the world between our concept of government based upon faith in God on the one hand and the totalitarianism of communist dictatorship on the other.

Unlimited Responsibility

There is no limit to our responsibility in this fight because this citadel of liberty is the hope of free men everywhere.

On this day we demonstrate to all the world that freedom is a vibrant, living force in America.

On this day we show the atheist dictators that we are a determined and dedicated people.

On this day we say that we are united to a man when our peace and security is threatened.

Let the godless leaders in the Russian Kremlin know that while tyranny may hold sway for a time that it can have but one ignominious end.

Memory Endures

Tyrants may rise and fall, dictators like Stalin may be emphasized or de-emphasized, but truth and justice and the memory of men who fight and die for these sacred principles will endure forever.

From Valley Forge to this day our brave fighting men, upon taking leave of their loved ones and firesides, have had but one fervent prayer:

"God of hidden purpose.
Let our embarking be.
The prayer of proud men asking.
Not to be safe, but free."

Our people have proved themselves equal to any task.

Our history is written with deeds and valor far beyond that expected from mortal men.

We are proud to be Americans and Georgians!

Personal Milestone

Today marks a milestone for me as I offer my candidacy to the people of this State to succeed the venerable and distinguished Senior Senator, Walter F. George.

I offer my candidacy on the basis of my record as Governor and on a positive platform relating to matters of national interest and concern.

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The people of this State; the General Assembly; the press, radio and television; state and local officials and civic, farm, labor, veterans and other groups—all did their part in bringing about fruition of Georgia's great dream.

We saw a veritable renaissance take place in our industry and agriculture.

It is gratifying for me to recall that my Administration helped in scores of ways to start the onward march of progress in Georgia.

We saw fulfillment of far-reaching educational, health, welfare and other humanitarian programs.

Educational Achievements

We saw the expenditure of more money for education in a six-year period than was spent during all preceding administrations combined. Furthermore, we saw physical facilities and teachers' salaries equalized among both the white and colored races for the first time.

We saw completion of nearly three-quarters of a BILLION dollars in new permanent improvements . . . schools, college buildings, hospitals, health centers, farm markets, highways, rural roads, institutional facilities, a state port and many others.

We saw our State come from the bottom to first place in the nation in forest conservation and development.

For the first time we took full advantage of federal matching funds, bringing Georgia to the front rank among the states in this respect.

Other Accomplishments

We witnessed real prison reform.

We saw the Merit System extended to virtually every state agency.

We saw our mercy institutions transformed.

We saw the establishment of a stronger agriculture and a better way of life on the farm.

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For more than 150 years, the Federal Supreme Court held the Constitution to mean what it says and say what its framers meant.

Judicial Legislation

However, during the last two decades that Court has chipped steadily away at the reserved rights of the states. It has sought to change the very framework of our government, not by legal amendment as provided for in the instrument itself, but through so-called "judicial legislation." It has upset the delicate balance of powers between the three branches and the states.

Constitutional safeguards either have been ignored or swept aside.

A government of men through court edict has been substituted for a government of laws under constitutional processes.

Defiance of the Constitution by the Federal Supreme Court imperils the security and rights of every American citizen. Abuse of power by the Court in one area today will lead inevitably to further abuses of power over every facet of life and activity tomorrow.

Fight For Right

The fight we are making in the South is a fight for right.

It is a fight to protect the blood-won rights of all our people.

The May 17th, 1954, decision of the Federal Supreme Court relating to the public schools poses the most serious threat ever hurled to the strength, security and unity of our nation.

Wholly without authority, this decision is proving to be the tragic mistake of our time.

Education is a function reserved by the Constitution to the states.

Schools and colleges were created by the states.

They are financed by the states.

They are state institutions.

South Right

In spite of all this, the black-robed arm of judicial tyranny has reached out from Washington to extend its control over the education of our children.

It is here that we tell the Court hold, enough!

It is not the people of the South who defy the Constitution but it is rather they who uphold it.

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3. Minimum acreage allotments to encourage the small, family-size farm.

4. Institution of vigorous programs for disposal of surplus farm products.

5. Strengthening of the soil bank, soil conservation and flood and drought control programs.

6. Aid for tree planting.

7. Unstinted support to the Rural Electrification Administration.

8. Extension of rural telephone service.

9. Expanded agricultural experimentation and research.

10. Restrictions on importation of agricultural products which compete with domestic farm commodities in surplus supply.

New Defense Concept

The advent of new weapons and revolutionary techniques in modern warfare requires a new concept of national defense.

Now, more than ever, we must keep ahead for in the future we will have no time to prepare should hostilities come.

The months of getting ready which have been available to us in the past will no longer be afforded.

Emphasis must be given now to the development of air power, guided missiles and atomic and other new weapons.

America must lead in the training of scientists and in scientific development.

Compact, fully-manned, adequately-trained and well-paid defense forces, armed with latest equipment, are a necessity today in all branches of the service.

Stand-by units to support this striking force must be predicated upon ready reserves and a strong National Guard.

We should provide adequate facilities for training our young men at home in order to achieve an equality of sacrifice and a minimum of interruption in their education and early productive years.

A strong America will remain a free America!

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Vast hydro-electric dams and irrigation and river development projects have been carried on all over the world while floods continue to ravage our land and our own industries cry for more power.

Highways and bridges have been built in foreign countries while our own road system has deteriorated.

Giveaway Examples

This multitude of foreign giveaways includes apartment houses, railroads, factories, generating plants, machines, machine tools, grain elevators, warehouses, office buildings, thousands of irrigation wells and American engineering knowledge.

Why, we have even built public rest rooms in the Philippines and bathing facilities for Egyptian camel drivers. We have sent collapsible toothpaste tubes to Cambodia, dress suits to Grecian undertakers and ice boxes to Eskimos.

We have sent opera singers to Italy and ultra-violet ray lamps to India. And we have set up a pension program for over-age Chinese Nationalist soldiers.

All of these things—and many thousands more—have been financed by American taxpayers.

The time has come to seek elimiation of purely foreign economic aid and for a careful examination of each military assistance project to insure that the American taxpayer is getting his money's worth in national security.

The American people have a right to demand that our government cease doing for foreign nations what it is unwilling or cannot do for people here at home!

Trade Program

As your Senator, I will support efforts to establish and to encourage a favorable balance of trade between the United States and friendly nations of the world.

At the same time, I will insist that American workers be protected against cut-throat competition as a result of the importation of foreign-made goods.

I am unalterably opposed to the dumping of Japanese textiles into this country that have been manufactured with 15-cents-an-hour slave wages, putting Georgia and

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Vital social legislation, embracing social security, public welfare assistance and veterans' programs, must be strengthened constantly to make them more equitable and more serviceable to the masses of our citizenry.

Harmony at Home

Georgia people are living in harmony and mutual respect.

Unlike some other states and sections there is no violence or upheaval here.

Good will prevails.

Nothing must be allowed to destroy it.

We must continue to work to provide all Georgians with broader employment opportunities, adequate education, better housing and a healthy environment.

Achieving these fundamental objectives, under proper moral and spiritual guidance and development, there are no problems impossible of solution in Georgia by Georgians.

Solicit Support

That is my platform outlining to you my firm and unequivocal stand on fundamental issues.

I solicit respectfully the overwhelming endorsement of my candidacy by the people of Georgia.

I am deeply and humbly grateful for the widespread assurance of energetic support received from Georgians of all walks of life and from the newspapers of the State.

But this does not mean that we can let up in our efforts. We cannot sit at home and say there is no need to work. We must get out the largest possible vote and here is the reason why you and your family and friends should vote on election day.

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ereign State to roll up a mighty tidal wave of ballots on September 12th.

It is going to be necessary for us to organize effectively and get the people to the polls on election day.

Then the people of the whole nation will know that Herman Talmadge is waging Georgia's fight for constitutional government.

Let me assure you that, as your Senator, I shall be as close to you as your telephone and your nearest mailbox.

It shall be my purpose through every word and deed to reflect credit upon the great State I will be honored to represent.

And, with prayer to Almighty God for guidance . . .

I will keep faith with you.

I will keep faith with Georgia's sacred institutions.

I will keep faith with her high ideals.

And I will keep faith with her proud traditions of wisdom, justice and moderation.

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Georgians made in all fields under his leadership. Time will not permit a recitation of the myriad achievements of his Administration; but, suffice it to say, after six years as Governor, he left office more popular than any Chief Executive of our time.

"Why was this so?

"One simple answer: He got things done.

"During his years in office, he was on the job for every Georgian day and night.

"When we called him at the office or at the mansion, it was he who answered the phone.

"When we had business, we saw him and it was transacted with dispatch.

"In all that he did and said he proved to the satisfaction of all Georgians that his heart beats as theirs; that his word is his bond; that his forthrightness is his anchor; that his ability is a mainstay for the people.

"Herman Talmadge is a man who has kept the faith of his fathers; who has been true to Georgia and her ideals; who is at home with the humble and the great.

"He is a man of Georgia.

"He speaks the language of the Georgia people.

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"We are fortunate indeed to have such a man to represent us in the greatest deliberative body on earth—a man whose short span of years embodies experience and know-how available to only a few men after a lifetime of work and service.

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Talmadge Best Qualified For U. S. Senate Post

(THE MACON TELEGRAPH)

Among the three candidates who are formally seeking the Democratic nomination for Georgia's Senate post, Herman Talmadge is unquestionably the best qualified.

Now that entries for the contest have closed and the composition of the race decided, the Former Governor stands out as the most suitable of these three to represent this State in the upper chamber of Congress.

The Telegraph on occasions in the past has sharply disagreed with—indeed, frequently opposed—Mr. Talmadge on certain points of his political activities. We quite possibly will do so again in the future, but that does not prevent an objective appraisal of his abilities as compared to those of his two opponents.

D. Talmadge Bowers, one of them, is a perennial campaigner. He never gets anywhere in an election, could not seriously expect to, and is fundamentally unqualified to serve as a U. S. Senator from Georgia. His candidacy is not worth a second thought.

Melvin E. Thompson, the other opponent, has long ago passed his peak in politics and does himself a disservice by such further attempts to be elected to statewide office. He has entered this campaign ostensibly to debate the issues and to provide the voters with a choice "on the basis of those issues."

Actually, the outcome of the race will not accurately reflect the sentiment of voters on these issues because Mr. Thompson no longer measures up to his self-styled role as the anti-Talmadge standard bearer.

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The Telegraph advocated the election of Mr. Thompson over Mr. Talmadge in 1948 and 1950. During the years he served as Governor since then, Herman Talmadge showed an increasing degree of maturity which came with his experience in office.

We cannot say the same for Mr. Thompson.

On Dec. 8, 1954, near the close of Mr. Talmadge's last term as Chief Executive, The Telegraph said editorially:

"He will be known in history as one of Georgia's most controversial political figures: a man whom many will swear by, whom many will conscientiously oppose, but for whom all hold a large measure of respect and admiration.

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the U. S. Senate by measure of intellect, ability and public service. Even more important, Georgians want him there."

And, then, there's a neighbor, the News-Free Press of Chattanooga. That paper said that Tennesseans couldn't help but notice the difference between their state's two senators and Mr. Talmadge.

"Where Gov. Talmadge speaks for the Constitution and for local self-government, we find Sens. Kefauver and Gore dodging and refusing to sign the Southern Manifesto declaring the principle of states' rights, instead advocating more and more power centralized in Washington away from the people, and Sen. Kefauver covering the nation in boastful betrayal of Tennessee, the South—and the American Constitution," said the Chattanooga paper.

"Georgians have sound reason to be proud of their representation," the News-Free Press added.

In Texas, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram offered this appraisal of Mr. Talmadge:

"If he is a man who can speak the language of the Georgia back country, he is also a man who appears to be perfectly at home in the idiom of the law court and the legislative chamber. He is also one who gives the impression of conviction, rather than demagoguery, on the subjects of racial segregation, states' rights, and avoidance of foreign entanglements."

And in Louisiana, the Shreveport Times said Eastern newspapers don't like Mr. Talmadge because:

". . . He is a swashbuckling, two-fisted type of fighter in behalf of segregation and against sending billions of American dollars overseas for purposes other than promoting defense of the free nations against Communism."

Political Quiet Shattered

(THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE)

The prospect of a quiet, peaceful summer, politically speaking, was rudely shattered with the qualifying of M. E. Thompson as a candidate for the U. S. Senate to succeed Sen. Walter F. George.

With sentiment having crystallized so strongly in favor of Herman Talmadge, few people thought that any aspirant would be so rash as to oppose him.

If what Mr. Thompson said in his official announcement is a clue to his campaign strategy, he will be hard pressed for issues on which to attack Herman Talmadge.

It is our opinion that Herman Talmadge will win the contest by a landslide.

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FISCAL AFFAIRS—press for a systematic beginning on debt reduction and for an end to deficit spending; seek ways and means of attaining better budgetary control; advocate an across-the-board reduction in federal income tax rates to restore incentive and stimulate creation of new jobs; and oppose every attempt by the Federal Government to further encroach upon the revenue sources of state and local governments.

LABOR AND WELFARE—endeavor to preserve and maintain the hard-won gains which working men and women have earned in the last quarter of a century and seek strengthening of great social legislation embracing social security, public welfare assistance and veterans' programs to make them more equitable and serviceable to the masses.

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campaign we are launching today will culminate in the elevation of one of our greatest native sons to a seat in the United States Senate.

"You today are giving demonstration of the fact that Georgians in all 159 counties are united in their determination to send to Washington a vigorous representative of their viewpoint and that they have found that representative in our illustrious Former Governor, Herman E. Talmadge.

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Jackson County Singing Meet Set for July 21-22

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Mr. Brown extended a cordial invitation to all song leaders and lovers of music to attend.

HERMAN TALMADGE'S SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Sunday — July 8 — MADISON, Ga. — Dedicate Health Center — 2:30 P. M.

Tuesday — July 10 — CLARKESVILLE, Ga. — Habersham Electric Membership Corporation — 11:00 A. M.

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Saturday — July 14 — ATHENS, Ga. — State AMVETS Convention — 7:00 P. M.

STRAIGHT FROM THE NAIL KEG

(The Omega News)

Just like we figured, Mr. M. E. Thompson waited until the last minute and entered the race for U. S. Senate against Herman Talmadge. But the way we have it figured, it'll be a mighty one-sided race with Melvin, who has never won a major race (other than Lt. Gov.) against Herman, who has never lost one. And unless some miracle takes place we fail to see how Thompson's entry can alter Herman's chances of being elected.

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The South Likes Talmadge

(THE ROME NEWS-TRIBUNE)

The prospect of Herman Talmadge's election to the U. S. Senate has met with cries of disapproval in a number of Northern newspapers.

When Senator Walter George announced he would not seek re-election, the New York Times declared Mr. Talmadge's "advent to Washington is as unwelcome as is Mr. George's departure."

The New York Herald Tribune saw Mr. Talmadge's prospective election as "somewhat disconcerting."

And the Baltimore Sun declared:

"Few men could step into Senator George's shoes; Mr. Talmadge couldn't even shine them."

There has been, we are happy to note, adequate reply to these criticisms from numerous newspapers in Southern states other than Georgia.

Said the Charleston, S. C., News and Courier:

"We recognize the right of squeamish Northern editors to hold their noses at representatives that the South sends to Congress. Some of the Northern congressmen—the list is too long to print here—make us sick. . . . We Southerners have to put up with some extremely objectionable Yankees in Congress.

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Senate Race In Georgia

(THE GRIFFIN DAILY NEWS)

M. E. Thompson entered the race for the United States Senate about an hour before the entries closed Saturday. This is his perfect right. It is the privilege of any citizen to seek public office provided he has the qualifications required by law.

To become a Senator, a person must have been a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, must be a resident of the state he represents and must be at least 30 years old.

Mr. Thompson meets these requirements. As far as we know, though, they are the only qualifications he has for the job he seeks.

Nevertheless, the Griffin Daily News endorses Former Governor Herman Talmadge not on the basis of Mr. Thompson's lack of qualifications but on Mr. Talmadge's superior ability.

The six years that Herman Talmadge served as Governor of this State were among the finest in Georgia's history. They were marked by scrupulous honesty in government, progress, and prosperity. Innumerable school houses, hospitals, health centers, improved roads and so on built during Talmadge's Administration are monuments to his Administration's achievements.

Furthermore, Governor Talmadge has proven his ability.

He has studied and applied himself to the science of government. He has proven his ability to solve great problems on the state level and shown a distinct aptitude for solving them on the national level.

Important also is the fact that a United States Senator must represent his own State first. Each State has only two Senators and no State can afford to send anyone but the best to this high office. There never has been a single second's doubt where Herman Talmadge stands as far as his native State is concerned and with him in the Senate we will have capable, fighting representation in the Upper House of Congress.

Because of all of this, the Griffin Daily News endorses Herman Talmadge's candidacy with confidence and with pleasure.

Talmadge Still Has Only Token Opposition

(THE HOUSTON HOME JOURNAL, Perry)

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How anyone can beat a combination like that is hard to determine.

Frying The Political Fat

By Lamar Q. Ball

(From THE NORTH SIDE NEWS, Atlanta)

M. E. THOMPSON NEEDS MONEY IN THE WORST WAY—

The radio and TV news barkers had their listening audiences by the unseen ears all week before last. "M. E. Thompson will have a statement Friday."

Could be, Thompson would enter the race against Talmadge, they hinted, but with the "here's good news" screams that Barnum invented for Jennie Lind, Tom Thumb and others a centry ago, "M. E., himself, will have something to say!" Even the day after his Gettysburg Address, Lincoln had been handled much more quietly.

That was a hard pace to maintain for a week, even for the Agog Boys of the Airwaves. They worked up a new commercial along about Thursday. "Might not be Thompson running at all. Might be just an old friend of his. Anyhow, M. E. Thompson, himself, will have a statement to make Friday about the candidate against Talmadge."

Turned out, it was Thompson himself who paid the $500 and qualified himself, using airwaves and printed word to let everyone know he was dipping into his own private real estate and insurance funds for the five hundred. That was about all he emphasized. Here he came with 500 of his own hard-earned, but a hopeful note in his voice.

He had nothing to say Friday, a discourtesy indeed to the airwaves. He only said Saturday: "Here goes with $500, my own $500."

THE NEW YORK TIMES, which editorially had expressed the hope that the United States Senate could get someone other than Herman Talmadge, saw M. E. Thompson as worthy of three unadorned A.P. paragraphs in its Sunday paper, 'way back inside. As news fit to print, Thompson's entry was unimpressive to the Times. Editorial-wise, M. E.'s only hope lies now with Time and Life. See your newsdealer. If M. E. flops with the Luce magazine, that'll be the end of him even with the NAACP.

As late as Monday night, in The Atlanta Journal, all he still had to say was: "I'm anxious to carry on an extensive campaign. Whether funds will be provided for this, I just don't know." That's the only issue he seems to have just now—money. The reader could almost hear him drool, because almost in the next paragraph Talmadge's manager, Jim Gillis, was announcing that Talmadge's campaign would open in Rome July 4, a big party indeed, and in Dublin, only three days later, Talmadge's friends would be serving barbecue to 20,000 hungry friends.

Thompson Challenges Talmadge

(THE ALBANY HERALD)

After many trying hours Former Acting Governor M. E. Thompson has decided to make the race for the United States Senate. He would like to give the impression that the decision was reached only after agonizing soul-searching, a careful examination of political issues and a willingness to sacrifice self for principle. As he put it, "the people" are entitled to a Senatorial contest; it is against the public interest that such a high office should go by default.

But, if we may be permitted to say so, Mr. Thompson's cloak of nobility has a few holes in it. In the first place, if Mr. Thompson did not know that he was going to run when Senator George declined the contest, he was about the only one in Georgia who had such doubts. The word had been traveling up and down the State that "old M. E." would be in there when the firing started if only he could dig up some campaign funds. And sure enough at the last minute, the Thompson hat was thrown into the ring with a grand flourish. If the act accomplishes nothing else, at least it does have the merit of getting Mr. Thompson out of the dark. Like every other Georgian, he probably has no liking for political secrets, particularly when they involve his own fortunes. So it is good that now Mr. Thompson knows what everybody else has known for such a long time.

Actually, of course, Mr. Thompson himself has knocked his own "purity of motive" theme into a cocked hat by the harsh, vitriolic words of his announcement. It was not issues that he talked about but rather the personality of his opponent. "Lackey boy" and "tool of the big money interests" were the sobriquets that he tacked onto Mr. Talmadge, and one may be sure that as the campaign progresses, more acid will be applied with a vigorous hand. It may be good for Mr. Thompson's soul that he can find a necessary release in childish name-calling, but we find nothing helpful in it for the State of Georgia at a moment when political circumstances are complex and fraught with danger. Political fire-eating is not a healthy practice in this day.

But Mr. Thompson has thrown down the gauntlet, and Mr. Talmadge must pick it up. What the challenge amounts to is a popularity contest between two old antagonists. And as to that, the handwriting would seem to be clearly written on the wall—that is, to everybody but "old M. E." who does have a devil of time seeing things as most Georgians do. But come September 12th, the judgment of the electorate will be announced, and the "secret" will be out of the bag. Then even Mr. Thompson will know how the State feels about Herman Talmadge and the post that he is eminently qualified to fill.

The Way It Looks!

(THE NEWS-REPORTER, Washington)

June 23rd was the last date on which candidates could file for state offices, and as is always the case, two or three indicated, by paying the necessary fee, that they had finally made up their minds to offer their services to the people of the state. This was especially true in the case of the vacancy in the United States Senate, caused by the decision of Senator George not to be a candidate for reelection.

Some weeks ago Former Governor Herman E. Talmadge announced that he would be a candidate for that important office and we feel that it was the wish of a vast majority of the people of the State that he would become the Democratic Standard Bearer without opposition. This, however, was not to be true, and last week a perennial office seeker by the name of Talmadge Bowers of Canon, announced that he would seek that office. Then, just before the closing hour, M. E. Thompson paid the $500 required by the State Democratic Executive Committee and announced that he, too, would be a candidate.

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That seems to be the way it looks as far as the United States Senate is concerned!

Talmadge for the Senate

(THE ROME NEWS-TRIBUNE)

In practical effect, the campaign for election as U. S. Senator from Georgia this year was over six weeks ago when Senator Walter F. George announced he would not ask re-election.

Former Gov. Herman E. Talmadge is the logical successor to Senator George.

No man in political life has grown more in stature than has Herman Talmadge since he first became governor of Georgia in 1948.

Providing Georgia with a sound business-like Administration, Mr. Talmadge soon demonstrated that he has intelligence, ability and integrity.

His Administration can be recorded as one of the best the State has ever had, at a time when the greatest progress was underway.

On the basis of Mr. Talmadge's record as governor and the ability, principles and beliefs he will take to the Senate, there is now no logical opponent for him.

On the basis of his experience and his qualification, Mr. Talmadge is the man for Georgia to send to the Senate.

This is a time when the nation needs men in the Senate who are dedicated to the principles of states' rights, who are champions of freedom, and who are not afraid to speak out for those ideals.

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(THE DEKALB NEW ERA, Decatur)

Our position in the race for the office of United States Senator has from the beginning been clear cut and consistent. When Senator Walter F. George was a candidate we were proud to support him for reasons we have fully explained in these columns. When the Senator withdrew we sincerely endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Herman Talmadge.

In recent days the situation has somewhat changed. Mr. M. E. Thompson has announced his candidacy to run against Mr. Talmadge. Though the situation has been altered by the announcement, our position remains unchanged. We are still sincerely supporting Mr. Talmadge for the office.

We do this for several reasons. We believe Mr. Talmadge is the better equipped from every viewpoint to render real service in the United States Senate. Both men have served as governor of our State and we believe Mr. Talmadge by his excellent work and his thoughtful energy while in office deserves the commendation of his State and a reward for work well done.

The American concept of a United States Senator is a man of unimpeachable honesty, of a fearless heart and of an abiding love for his own people. He furthermore must have wide experience and training in statecraft and must not be the pawn of politicians who seek self-advancement through those in high and responsible office. We believe Mr. Talmadge meets these requirements and that he will give us representation in the Senate of which we will be proud. We believe that he will measure up to the dignity and honor of office that the State of Georgia has enjoyed under Senators George and Russell.

It is no light task to represent our great State in the U. S. Senate. It takes a man of depth and broadness of character and thinking, a man of independence of action, a man of fearless integrity.

Such a man we believe Herman Talmadge to be and that he will honor the office of our State and its people.

A Fitting Tribute To A Man Who Has Served His State So Well

(THE GEORGIA TRIBUNE, Columbus)

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(THE COLUMBUS LEDGER)

This newspaper regrets that Former Acting Governor M. E. Thompson has seen fit to enter the race for the United States Senate in opposition to Former Governor Herman Talmadge. It was, of course, the exercise of a right open to Mr. Thompson or any other. But the entry at the 11th hour was a futile a gesture as one could imagine.

Since all of our surveys and pulsetakings have indicated for more than a year that Mr. Talmadge's election was a foregone conclusion—even before Sen. Walter F. George withdrew—we had hoped that the inevitable would be accomplished without the heat we can imagine now will be generated.

Perhaps Mr. Thompson has satisfied not only his personal convictions but those of many others in leading a sort of "loyal opposition." But we hope that he and his friends also will restrain themselves in the campaign; a deliberate "smear" effort against the Senator-to-be would be a disservice to the State of Georgia.

Hardly A Ripple

(THE THOMASVILLE TIMES-ENTERPRISE)

We were surprised Saturday, as perhaps were all others in this county, when it was announced that M. E. Thompson had entered the race against Herman Talmadge for the United States Senate to take the place now held by Walter F. George, who declined to run after some months deliberation.

This gives those who oppose Talmadge a chance to vote for some other candidate but it gives most of them very little consolation in the hope they can win. Thompson had not been surmised as a candidate by the newspapers of the State prior to last week. Talmadge was presumed to have a clear way to the nomination with no opposition.

There may be some who believe M. E. Thompson can give the redoubtable and politically strong Talmadge a close contest. We are not among them. There seems to be very much interest in Talmadge since he has made his own place in the State and become even stronger than his father was, although the elder Talmadge had cemented friendships and bound many to the Talmadge cause in a way that will benefit the son.

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(THE JEFF DAVIS COUNTY LEDGER, Hazlehurst)

When M. E. Thompson entered, just before the deadline Saturday, the race for the U. S. Senate, Herman Talmadge, skillful political boxer that he is, landed a telling blow to his opponent's midriff with the clever comeback, "the NAACP has a perfect right to sponsor and finance a candidate for the Senate."

Mr. Thompson's reference to himself as the only "strong candidate" who would offer against Talmadge somehow amuses us—its sort of like comparing ourselves with an editor say of the stature of Ralph McGill or Mark Etheridge.

Mr. Thompson may be wanting to take this chance to keep from dying politically—which, he is anyhow, but doesn't know it—or he may be really "sicked on" the job by the NAACP. He will get plenty of favorable publicity in the northern papers—but he "ain't" runnin' in the "Nawth." He should choose the great auk to adorn his banner.

Hey Herman! Me-Too's At It Again

(THE JACKSON HERALD, Jefferson)

'Course you already know it, but we just couldn't resist the opportunity to print this statement—comical as it may now seem.

Seem like M. E. Thompson might run out of funds again and some folks (including the NAACP) are still willing to pay him to run for public office. Could be—of course—that he's trying for a second best against "D. T." Bowers. Seems like "Me-Too" is not in the same class from repeated defeats.

Sheriff says "D.T." might even beat him this time.

Guess you know "Me-Too" carried this county by a narrow margin couple of times. Some folks hang their heads lower than a possum's belly 'cause of this. Looks like it'll be different this time.

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We have only one question: Who convinced Mr. Thompson that HE is a strong candidate?

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Herman Talmadge, if elected, will be stepping into the vacuum created by Senator George's retirement. The only way in which it can be filled equally as well is through a method outlined in a Talmadge interpretation:

"The two major things that inspire public service are the thought of doing a good job, and the warm personal friends to help you."

The issues which confront the U. S. Senate during the six years in which Talmadge proposes to fill one of two Georgia chairs probably will vary little from the issues highlighting the present senatorial slate. Foreign aid, most assuredly, will still be a controversial issue. Great attention insofar as Georgia and the South is concerned, will continue to center around upholding segregation. Federal aid to states, pro and con, will undoubtedly be as important a floor matter in the Upper House as it is today; indeed, with the constantly expanding federal aid program, it may be even the top congressional dispute.

There are many, many others which Herman Talmadge will take up in the busy period between now and the September 12 Democratic primary. The people of Georgia eagerly await his forthcoming statements concerning the various national issues.

A Courageous Georgian

(THE LUDOWICI NEWS)

At the most crucial period in the history of this nation, with subversive elements eating at the foundation of our government from within, we need just such a man as Herman Talmadge in the Senate. Fearless and unafraid of any interests he will fight relentlessly for the causes which he believes to be for the best interests of Georgia. Not since the days of Reconstruction when carpetbaggers ran riot through the South seeking to overthrow our way of life have we so needed courage and alertness to fight those forces which are today parading through the South under a different name, but with even more sinister motives.

When our forefathers wrote the Constitution of the United States they did not foresee, nor did they intend, that its interpretation should be placed in the hands of men of immature judgment, motivated by political alignments and sectional hatred. Because the members of the United States Supreme Court have seen fit to deprive our people in the South of their fundamental and sacred rights it has become necessary that we chart our course to protect and preserve the rights of our people from tyranny of the basest sort.

In Herman Talmadge we will have a champion of states' rights in the United States Senate. His record as Governor of Georgia, and his stand on national matters prove that he is capable and that he will not be afraid to speak out and take a stand before all America for those principles for which our forefathers fought and died in the Sixties.

When his record has been written, we believe that Herman Talmadge will rank with the great Georgians of all time.

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Negro teachers for a ratio of one Negro teacher to every 120 Negro residents.

Alabama had 7,702 Negro teachers with a Negro population of 965,000, or a ratio of one Negro teacher for every 126 Negro citizens.

If Negro teachers cannot obtain employment in states which have had mixed schools for years and where customs and traditions are no barrier, what may they expect in the Southern states where integration might be forced on the people?

The answer is simple. There will be no Negro teachers in mixed schools. We have learned our lesson well from the non-segregated states, some of whose leaders seem determined to join with the NAACP in forcing an end of segregation in the South. If this happens, and it surely will should intergration be forced on us, then the Negro teachers will have no one to blame but the NAACP, its leaders and its political friends.

The segregated states of the South have an average of four state colleges and universities each for Negroes. These institutions are headed by Negro presidents, Negro deans and Negro faculty members. Their service will certainly not be needed by these states if forced integration becomes effective.

There are many outstanding private Negro colleges in the South which provide fine teacher training programs for hundreds of Negro students each year. If Negro teachers are to be forced from this profession by the Supreme Court and the NAACP leaders, then these colleges will have to close their doors.

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Thompson's Nonsense

(SAVANNAH EVENING PRESS)

M. E. Thompson, who served part of a term as governor of Georgia but who has never been able in three tries to convince the people that they should elect him to that office, is going about the State talking what to us seems utter political nonsense. . .

The truth of the matter is that both sides of the senatorial question on which Mr. Thompson now so belatedly speaks were amply presented to the people of Georgia in what was really a months' long campaign between Senator George on the one hand and Mr. Talmadge on the other. Each fully presented their national and international views to the people of Georgia, and the campaign closed when Senator George concluded to accept a high diplomatic appointment from President Eisenhower and not to offer for the Senate again. That was the campaign, and when it was over widespread endorsement of Mr. Talmadge was voiced, both by sources known as pro-Talmadge and sources generally identified as anti-Talmadge. Never in the history of the State, as far as we can recall, has there been such unanimity of opinion on a political matter as there is on Mr. Talmadge's fitness for the Senate.

Peachland Journal

By Daniel K. Grahl
(THE LEADER-TRIBUNE,
Fort Valley)

THOMPSON ENTERS THE RACE FOR U. S. SENATE

M. E. Thompson, former acting-governor of Georgia, and twice beaten for that job by Herman Talmadge and once by Marvin Griffin, has qualified as a candidate for the U. S. Senate seat being vacated by Walter F. George.

M. E. is a nice fellow and we certainly have no morbid desire to see him hurt. However, we believe that Herman Talmadge is not only going to be elected to the position in question but we are going to support him because we feel he is the best man for the position.

We agree with the Macon papers when they said, in effect, that Thompson is a dead duck in Georgia politics. We wish he had left it at that status.

Former Governor M. E. Thompson has entered the race for U. S. Senator against Herman Talmadge just as we expected. We believe Mr. Thompson to be a fine man and have supported him for Governor in the past. However, we think Talmadge is the logical man for the Senate at this time and we, together with a great majority of other Georgia voters, expect to vote for him.—The Sparks Eagle.

Most observers predict that Governor Talmadge will have easy sailing against Governor Thompson, pointing out that a number of anti-Talmadge leaders of the past have already climbed on the Talmadge bandwagon. — J. Roy McGinty in The Calhoun Times.

The support that has already been evident for Mr. Talmadge is far more than Thompson or any other man can overcome.—The Dublin Courier-Herald.

It seems that M. E. Thompson is a glutton for political punishment. Knock him down and he gets up again for more. This time the Georgia audience is anticipating that he will be kayoed for keeps, politically speaking.—The Lincoln Journal, Lincolnton.

Only a man who lets his sentiment run away with his better judgment can give M. E. Thompson a ghost of a chance to beat Herman Talmadge for the post vacated by Senator Walter F. George.—The Metropolitan Herald, Atlanta.

M. E. Thompson has run eight years without grease and now he's running for the U. S. Senate which doesn't have as many handouts as a governor. Where's the campaign expenses coming from this time? Herman sells hams, you know; that's some income to help out.—The Altamaha Pilot, Glennville.

Thompson has entered the Senate race against Herman Talmadge. It would be a safe bet that he will retire before the election comes, said a political commentator.—The Thomasville Times-Enterprise.

A Talmadge triumph will result with both Bowers and Thompson buried under an avalanche of votes for the son of Eugene Talmadge.—The Columbus Enquirer.

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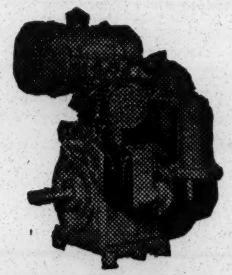

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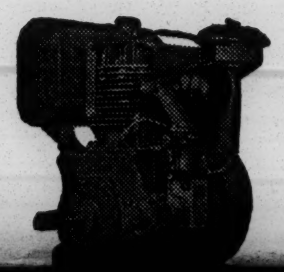

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The Supreme Court and the NAACP have jointly slammed the door in their faces.

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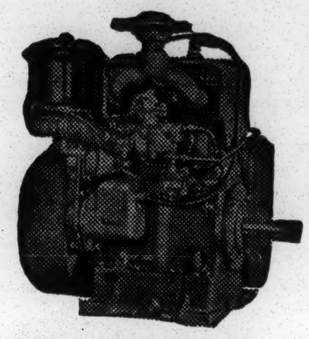

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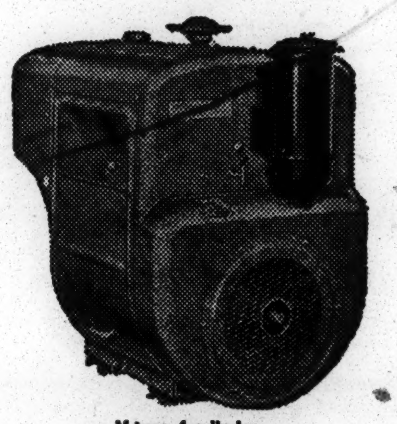

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